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SUBJ: MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 6

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SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP (WG) DISCUSSED SPC'S OCT 31 MANDATE (AS AMPLIFIED IN NOV 5 SPC MEETING) FOR DEVELOPING A MILITARY/ TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION/VERIFICATION MEASURES, AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON A FORMAT FOR EXAMINING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEASURE. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WG REVIEWED STATUS OF TWO REMAINING WP FIGURES STILL REQUIRED BY AHG (DETAILS SEPTEL). END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN (CULIN) NOTED THAT SPC HAD NOW TASKED WG WITH AN URGENT MANDATE TO DEVELOP A SPECIFICALLY MILITARY/TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF VERIFICATION MEASURES, ON WHICH SUBSEQUENT POLICY DECISIONS COULD BE
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REACHED AS TO THEIR POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY, NEGOTIABILITY AND TIMING.

REFERRING TO SPC ACTION SHEET AC/113-R(73)130, (PARAS II B AND C),
CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT A MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO ANSWERING

THE SIX BASIC QUESTIONS PUT TO THE WG WOULD BE TO LIST ALL MEASURES SEPARATELY AND EXAMINE EACH ACCORDING TO A SET OF UNIFORM HEADINGS. IN

THIS MANNER THE ANALYSIS WOULD ADDRESS ISSUES OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO POLITICAL AUTHORITIES, RATHER THAN PRODUCE A LARGELY THEORETICAL PIECE OF VERIFICATION CONCEPTS. CHAIRMAN THEN CIRCULATED SUGGESTED OUTLINE WHICH SET FORTH FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE TO BE EXAMINED:

- A. MLM'S - ATTACHES,
- B. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE/OPEN SKIES,
- C. PERIPHERAL MONITORING/STATIC PERIMETER POSTS,
- D. AREA MONITORING, MOBILE TEAMS,
- E. STATIC OBSERVATION POSTS, CHOKE POINTS,
- F. COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE.

2. EACH OF THE FOREGOING WOULD BE ANALYSED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING FRAMEWORK:

- A. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE,
- B. EXPECTED GAINS IN INFORMATION ON WP FORCES OF BENEFIT TO NATO,
- C. EXPECTED LOSSES TO NATO OF TECHNOLOGICAL OR CLASSIFIED OPERATIONAL INFORMATION,
- D. IMPACT OF RECIPROCAL DEMANDS,
- E. FEASIBILITY OF MEASURE IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS,
- F. CONCLUSION: "EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

STAFF GROUP MAY MAKE EDITORIAL CHANGES IN FOREGOING TERMS OF REFERENCE

WHEN IT ISSUES NEW OUTLINE PAPER.

3. DURING WG'S DISCUSSION OF ITS FUTURE WORK PROGRAM ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION/VERIFICATION, NUMEROUS REPS COMMANDED STAFF GROUP FOR EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL OUTLINE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE. NOTING THAT WG WAS NOW TASKED WITH AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT MANDATE, US REP SUGGESTED THAT STAFF GROUP PREPARE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE STUDY,
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ARRANGING IT ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED OUTLINE AND FORMAT, AND IN DOING SO DRAW HEAVILY IN THE FIRST 15 PAGES OF THE US PAPER ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION (CIRCULATED OCT 5). THIS WAS AGREED, TOGETHER WITH PROPOSAL OF SEVERAL REPS TO INCLUDE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE US PAPER AS NECESSARY, TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT MATERIAL DRAWN FROM AGREED WG DOCUMENTS ON VERIFICATION. FRG REP (DZIALAS) NOTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTED COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE US PAPER, BUT FELT THEY

COULD BE EASILY BUILT INTO THE STAFF GROUP DRAFT TEXT. UK REP (SMITH) ALSO NOTED THAT GEN LLOYD WAS PREPARING A REPORT ON VERIFICATION, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBGROUP ON VERIFICATION.

4. BELGIUM REP (BURNY) NOTED THAT PROPOSED TERMS OF REF DID NOT INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION DERIVED FROM NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. (NTM) US REP REJOINED THAT NTM QUESTION WAS NOT REALLY PERTINENT TO PRESENT DISCUSSIONS. SINCE SPC WAS PROPERLY CONCERNED WITH CONSIDERING OVERT VERIFICATION MEASURES, VERIFICATION PRODUCED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS WOULD CONTINUE IRRESPECTIVE OF ACTIONS DECIDED BY ALLIES ON OVERT MEASURES. UK REP SUPPORTED US REPS THESIS AND POINTED OUT THAT DCM (73)83, PARA 33, SPECIFICALLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN ONGOING VERIFICATION THROUGH NTM AND FURTHER MEASURES TO BE EXAMINED. QUESTION WAS THEREFORE DROPPED AND WILL NOT APPEAR IN FINAL TERMS OF REF FOR WG STUDY.

5. STAFF GROUP WILL NOW ISSUE NEW TERMS OF REF PAPER AND EXPECTS TO HAVE READY BY EARLY NEXT WEEK FIRST DRAFT OF ITS ANALYSIS. ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THAT SEVERAL REPS WILL WISH TO INCORPORATE NATIONAL COMMENTS TO DRAFT STAFF GROUP REPORT, CLEAR AND REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED URGENCY OF TASK MAY WELL PROMPT FAIRLY RAPID AGREEMENT TO THE WG'S REPORT. MCAULIFFE

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